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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

31 October 29, 2013

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION  
LENNOX COMMUNITY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I  
IN THE CITIES OF HAWTHORNE AND INGLEWOOD AND  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LENNOX  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the project for roadway reconstruction for Lennox Community Road Improvements, Phase I, in the Cities of Hawthorne and Inglewood and in the unincorporated community of Lennox; adopt the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule and storm water pollution prevention plan for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 and a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for roadway reconstruction, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,600,000 and \$3,500,000.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened before 11 a.m. on November 26, 2013, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and a storm water pollution prevention plan for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 funded by existing project funds.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.
5. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project, adopt the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and a storm water pollution prevention plan for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 funded by existing project funds and a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, deliver the project, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

The proposed consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and a storm water pollution prevention plan that conform to the County of Los Angeles' specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the contractor fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works may return to the Board to recommend that the bidder be determined nonresponsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables, which conform to the County's specifications.

The limits of the project are as follows:

- 104th Street – Hawthorne Boulevard to Prairie Avenue
- 105th Street – Hawthorne Boulevard to Ravenswood Avenue
- 105th Street – Freeman Avenue to Prairie Avenue
- 106th Street – 650 feet west of Felton Avenue to Felton Avenue
- 106th Street – Hawthorne Boulevard to Freeman Avenue
- 107th Street – 250 feet west of Freeman Avenue to Prairie Avenue
- Acacia Avenue – 111th Street to Lennox Boulevard
- Burin Avenue – Lennox Boulevard to 104th Street

- Eastwood Avenue – 111th Place to Lennox Boulevard
- Freeman Avenue – 111th Place to 103rd Street
- Larch Avenue – 104th Street to 103rd Street
- Osage Avenue – 111th Place to Lennox Boulevard
- Osage Avenue – 107th Street to 106th Street
- Ravenswood Avenue – 106th Street to 105th Street

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public, which will benefit the cities and community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$2,600,000 to \$3,500,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,207,400. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental permit compliance, right-of-way and utility clearance, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Portions of the project are in the Cities of Hawthorne and Inglewood. County-City of Hawthorne Cooperative Agreement No. 78015 and County-City of Inglewood Cooperative Agreement No. 78016, both executed on August 13, 2013, provide for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the City of Hawthorne, the City of Inglewood, and the County to finance its respective jurisdictional shares of the project costs, estimated to be \$57,700, \$158,600, and \$4,991,100; respectively.

The project cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. Financing for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in Fiscal Year 2013-14 Measure R Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing highway construction program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

Jurisdiction for construction for this project has been received from the Cities of Hawthorne and Inglewood.

This project is to be completed in 160 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March 2014 and be completed in October 2014.

Effective January 1, 2011, State law requires that projects funded with specific bond funds be subject to monitoring and oversight by the Department of Industrial Relations' Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU). In order to comply with guidance issued by the CMU, contractors and subcontractors engaged in this contract will be required to submit electronic certified payrolls directly to the State.

The CMU may invoice Public Works up to one quarter of one percent of the total project cost.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On August 13, 2013, Agenda Item No. 33, the Board found that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee, will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public, thereby benefiting the cities and community.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)